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OU to honor exceptional nurses

Oakland University will honor eight nurses who exemplify the work of Florence Nightingale, the Briton who in the mid-1800s created the nursing profession, at the Nightingale Awards. The event is Thursday, May 9, at 5:30 p.m. at the Best Western Sterling Inn Conference Center, 34911 Van Dyke Ave. in Sterling Heights.

"The Nightingale Awards are unique because they honor imaginative work by nurses practicing in a variety of settings," said Kathleen Emrich, interim dean of the School of Nursing. "Every day nurses do exceptional things and this is a time the community recognizes a few of these extraordinary men and women for their dedication to the profession of nursing."

The recipients of this year's awards are:

- Cheryl E. Easley, Ph.D., RN, of Midland, Nursing Administration Award, Saginaw Valley University
- Rose Khalifa, RN, of Dearborn, Nursing Education and Research Award, Oakwood Healthcare Systems
- Corazon Nery, RN, of Windsor, Canada, Nursing Staff Practice Award, Detroit Medical Center, Hutzel Hospital
- JoAnn Maklebust, MSN, NP, of Northville, Advanced Nursing Practice Award, Karmanos Cancer Institute, Detroit Medical Center
- Judith Anderson Ganton, RN, BSN, of Spring Arbor, Long-Term Care Nursing Award, Ganton Retirement Centers
- Laura Lenihan, RN, of Taylor, Home Care Nursing Award, Henry Ford Home Health Care
- Betty Dornbrook, MSN, APN, of Grosse Pointe Woods, Nurse Entrepreneurship Award, Madonna University
- Adreena Harley, MSN, RN, of Davisburg, Distinguished Oakland University Alumni Award, William Beaumont Hospital

The nominations selection committee is made up of nurses from area hospitals and health care agencies that represent all areas of nursing practice. The committee selected the eight winners out of nearly 100 nominees from across the state of Michigan.

The Oakland University School of Nursing Nightingale Awards for Nursing recognize outstanding nurses in the state of Michigan and have become the most prestigious awards in their class. The awards are initiated by health care colleagues and presented to nurses who embody the spirit of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. Each winner is presented with a bronze statue of Florence Nightingale, a Nightingale pin and a cash award.

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